

**Plan for Transition from Non-licensed Master's Level IIC Providers**  
*(Applies Only When MRSS, YCM and CMO Agencies are the Service Requestor)*

**Criteria for Transition Eligibility**

A child/youth with an existing authorization for IIC master's level therapy can be transitioned from the master's level therapist to a clinically licensed IIC therapist if the following two (2) conditions are met:

1. Child's/Youth's current authorization is ***not expiring*** within the next 14 days.
  - If a child/youth is within 14 days of the authorization end and the intention is to **not** request a re-authorization, a discharge/transition plan should have been implemented for the child/youth.
  - Any child identified as needing transition to outpatient services that has between 14 to 30 days of service left in the current authorization should be given a 30-day transition authorization based on the need of the child /youth.

**AND**

2. Family has been informed about transitioning to a clinically licensed IIC therapist.

**Provider Request Procedure with MRSS, YCM, and CMO**

If a child is also being served by MRSS, YCM, or CMO, the IIC provider will place a request with that service requestor to have the child's/youth's level of care changed from master's level therapist to a clinically licensed IIC therapist (either for children changing therapists within the same IIC agency or changing to another agency).

1. For eligible children/youth, MRSS, YCM and CMO will use their own internal process for selecting a new provider.
2. Once the request is made, the MRSS, YCM, or CMO agency must submit a service plan with a request for the change in LOC and/or provider and a notepad entry indicating that the LOC and/or provider are being changed.
  - Mobile Response will submit the request on a Crisis Stabilization plan type (MRSS2)
  - Youth Case Management will submit the request on a YCM Service Change plan type (YCM5)
  - Care management Organization will submit the request on an ISP Service Change plan type (CMO5)

**VO-NJ Procedure**

For eligible children/youth, VO-NJ will:

1. Expedite the review of the service plans types listed above in order to prevent a lapse in services for the child/youth.
2. If the change in the level of care and/or provider is the only request on the plan, VO-NJ will only review the request for accuracy. Since this is a continuation of already authorized services, VO-NJ will not review these requests for clinical necessity.